

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8 and 9 are in the application.

The subject matter of claim 3 has been incorporated in claim 1 and the subject matter of claim 7 has been incorporated in claim 5. Claims 3 and 7 have been cancelled.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims as being anticipated or rendered obvious by the reference to Killion, are respectfully requested.

As a result of the foregoing amendment, claims 1 and 5 have been amended to distinguish over the prior art of record.

In this regard, the attention of the Examiner is directed to the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement which lists references cited in the European Search Report. Specifically, European reference 0 441 549 A is believed to be more relevant than the references previously made of record.

It is submitted that the claims as amended are patentably distinct over the reference cited by the Examiner and over the references listed in the European Search Report.

In addition, new claim 9 has been added to the application which is directed to the fact that the network of passive components and the amplifier are mounted on a single circuit board.

It is respectfully submitted that the reference cited by the Examiner, and the references cited in the European Search Report also do not disclose or suggest newly added claim 9.

The fact that the disconnection of the passive components is effected by means of a laser beam directed through openings in the microphone housing is disclosed in paragraphs [0008] and [0025].

The fact that the network and the amplifier are mounted on a single circuit board is mentioned in paragraph [0026].

Accordingly, no new matter has been added as a result of the amendments to the claims.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the claims in the application are patentable over the art of record and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.



Therefore, in view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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